

ABSTRACT

G-IB-183

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(185) 1767 (survey); 1902 (monument)
Finzel, Maryland vicinity
Public/private

Milestone No. ---(185), on a ridge west of Big Piney Run, marks a new point a little over 170 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly set; measures 10 inches square by about 21 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side, ^{facing Pennsylvania} M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this area was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the Line). On the national and state levels, No. ---(185) is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line, the provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 185)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
STREET & NUMBER off the south side of T-307

CITY, TOWN

Finzel

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE G-IB-183 entered 9/4/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (12)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(185) marks a new point on Mason and Dixon's West Line a little over 170 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It was a new dressed Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top when added to the Line in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 21 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when ^{this area was} originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side.

The area here is a high, small, unnamed ridge (elevation about 2800 feet), cleared and farmed to the north, densely wooded to the south, ^{and very sparsely settled.} The site is within Election District 9 of Garrett County, MD, and Greenville Township, PA; about 4850 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(184); about 2¼ miles southwest of the settlement of Pocahontas, PA; about 2½ miles west-northwest of the small village of Finzel, MD; about 1100 feet west of Piney Creek (Big Pine Run); a little east of the middle of the broad ridge; about 1800 feet south of T-307; about 10 feet south of the new pipeline, about 1 foot north of an old east-west barbed wire fence separating the cornfield (on the north) and a hardwood-hemlock woods (on the south). It cannot be seen from any road, but easily from nearby, and is protected by its proximity to the fencing.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for setting into the ground, thus eliminating the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex are all clear and intact, although there are small chips at the top corners and along the vertical edges.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for descriptions of the various kinds of monuments set by the 1900-03 Resurvey as additions and

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY replacements along the West Line)

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (area originally surveyed)
 1902 (monument) ~~1767~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(185) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was ^{originally} surveyed and marked in 1767 by cairns and additional wood posts, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to the Line in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of the 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ---(185) is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Frostburg (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 67189, northing 439868

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY GarrettSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Somerset**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey 10/12/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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(301) 267-1438

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HASON EDIXON WEST LINE (MD-PA) BOUNDARY MARKERS:

MI. - TRAIL NO. - (185)

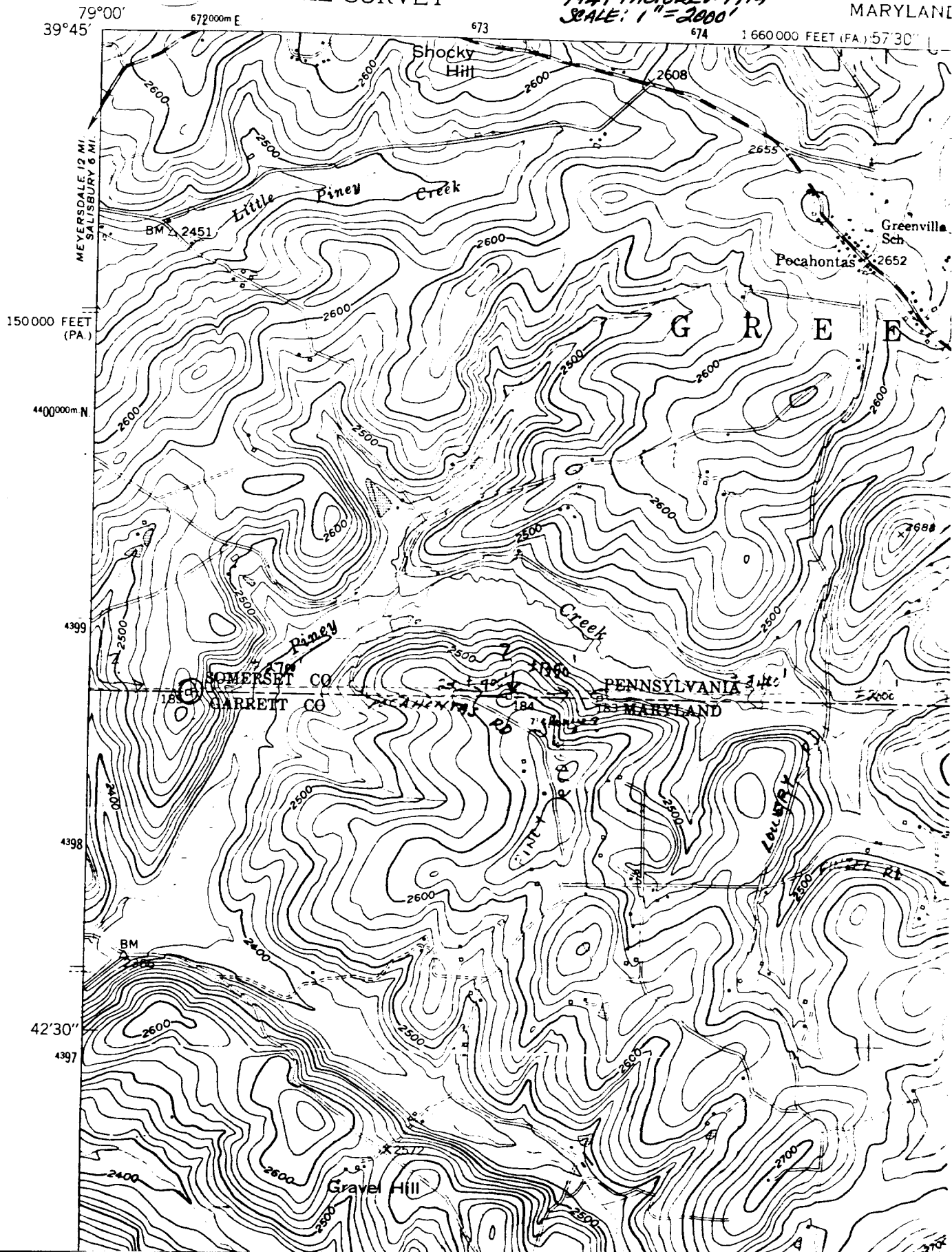
5163.1 SE
(MEYERSDALE)



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

FROSTBURG QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1949 PHOTO REV. 1974
SCALE: 1" = 2000'

STATE OF MARYLAND





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WASCA: DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE — (175)
STONE MOUNTAIN (1902)

NE CORNER (1767/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/12/10 (998143.35)



1902

(185)

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE — (185)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SW CORNER (1902/M)

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